

Persons concerned in the said Ships and Vessels: And whereas the Rates allowed for piloting Vessels into the said Inlet, by the before recited Act, are inadequate to the Expence of Boats and Hands proper to be employed in such Service: A. D. 1770.

II. *BE it therefore Enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same,* That from and after the First Day of *March* next, there shall be paid and allowed to every Branch Pilot, who shall be provided with a good decked Boat, well fitted with Sails and Rigging, and who shall take Charge of any Ship or Vessel at Sea, the following Pilotage; that is to say, Rates of Pilotage

FOR every Ship or Vessel that draws Nine Feet Water, or less, from the Outside of the Bar of Occacock into *Beacon Island Road*, or any other Harbour where Vessels usually anchor at, Four Shillings, Proclamation Money, per Foot. And

FOR every Vessel drawing Nine Feet Water, or upwards, Five Shillings, Proclamation Money, per Foot; and that the Pilotage outwards be and remain the same as mentioned in the before recited Act.

III. AND for the further Encouragement of Pilots to board Vessels at Sea, *Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That when any Pilot shall offer his Service to any Master of a Vessel, bound into the said Inlet of Occacock, he shall be intitled, although the Master of such Vessel shall refuse to employ him, to the same Fees which he would have been intitled to if he had taken Charge of the said Vessel, and the Master shall be obliged to pay the same accordingly: And if any Ship or Vessel, coming into the said Inlet of Occacock, and taking a Pilot on Board, shall be by contrary Winds, or otherwise, drove off the Coast, the Master or Owner of such Vessel shall allow and pay the said Pilot Two Shillings and Eight Pence, for each and every Day he shall be on Board the said Vessel, over and above his Pilotage. Pilots boarding Vessels at Sea, allowed Pilotage.

IV. AND *be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That when any Branch Pilot shall see any Vessel on the Coast, having a Signal for a Pilot, and shall neglect or refuse to go to the Assistance of such Vessel, on proper Proof being made of such Neglect or Refusal, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds; to be recovered by Action of Debt, in any Court of Record in this Province; the one Half to the Informer, the other Half to the Master or Owner of such Ship or Vessel. Pen. on Pilots neglecting to go out when Signals made for them.

V. AND *be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That when any Ship or Vessel, bound to either of the Ports of *Roanoke, Bath, or Beaufort*, having the Smallpox, or any other infectious Distemper on Board, the Master and Pilot of such Ship or Vessel shall give immediate Information thereof to the Commissioners of the Navigation of the Port they are bound to; and the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, are hereby empowered and directed to order and command the said Master of such Ship or Vessel to perform Quarantine with his said Vessel, at such Place, and Number of Days, as they shall think necessary: And if the said Master or Pilot shall neglect or refuse to give such Information, they shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, Proclamation Money; to be recovered and applied in the same Manner as other Fines and Forfeitures are deducted in the before recited Act. Vessels having infectious Distempers, obliged to perform Quarantine.

VI. AND *be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That *Christopher Neale, Jacob Shepard, and Richard Ellis*, Esquires, be appointed Commissioners for the Port of *Beaufort*, in the Room of *Gabriel Catbcart, Thomas Clifford Howe, and John Smith*, deceased; and *Daniel Maxwell* for the Port of *Bath*, in the Room of *Peter Blinn*, deceased. Commissioners for Port Beaufort.

VII. AND *be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Commissioners of Port *Bath* be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to order and direct the Persons appointed by them to stake out the Channel leading from Occacock to the said Port of *Bath*, to put and keep up Stakes, at necessary Places in the River *Pamlico*, to the Mouth of *Tranter's Creek*; any Thing in the before recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding. Pamlico River to be staked out.

VIII. AND *be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That this, and the before recited Act, shall continue and be in Force for and during the Term of Ten Years, from the passing of this Act, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Assembly. Continuance of the Act.

C H A P. XXVII.

An Act for establishing a new County between Campbleton and Hillsborough, by taking the Southern Part of the Inhabitants of Orange County, and by erecting the same into a distinct County, by the Name of Chatham County, and St. Batholomew Parish.

I. **W**HEREAS the great Extent of the County of *Orange* render the Attendance of the Inhabitants of the Southern Part thereof to do public Duties extremely difficult and expensive: For Remedy whereof, Preamble,

II. *BE it Enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same,* That from and after the First Day of *April* next, the Inhabitants of the County of *Orange*, lying to the South of a Point Sixteen Miles due South of *Hillsborough*, and bounded as follows, to wit, Beginning at the aforesaid Chatham County erected,